

**Robert Richard**

President & Chief Operating Officer
DTE Gas

Robert A. Richard is the president and chief operating officer for DTE Gas, DTE Energy's natural gas utility which provides service to 1.3 million homes and businesses in Michigan. He is responsible for all utility gas operations, including gas sales and distribution and storage services.

Richard has been with DTE Energy since 2003. Prior to his current role, he was executive vice president of IT, Customer Service and Corporate Services for DTE Energy. He also served as senior vice president of Major Enterprise Projects and Customer Service where he was responsible for overseeing the Customer Service organization, along with the company's major projects in power generation, electric distribution, renewable energy, gas distribution and midstream platforms.

Prior to joining DTE Energy, Richard was vice president of operations and process improvement at Bethlehem Steel. In this role, he was responsible for sales, marketing and operations of the eastern division. Previously, he spent 13 years at General Electric where he served in a variety of leadership roles. Richard was senior executive for GE LEXAN Americas Manufacturing and responsible for phenolics, BPA, SAN, chlorine and polycarbonate extrusion.

Richard earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in chemical engineering from Ohio State University. At Ohio State, his graduate work was in coal technologies, which included liquefaction, gasification and the microbial desulfurization of coal. Richard is a graduate of the Nuclear Reactor Technology course of MIT and he is a certified Master Black Belt from GE and the Six Sigma Academy. He received the Whitney Award for technical achievement at GE. Richard is a member of the Engineering Advisory Boards for Central Michigan University and Oakland University.

Richard is a member of the board of directors of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) and is the president of the board of directors for the Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD). He is also a lifetime member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

DTE Energy (NYSE:[DTE](#)) is a Detroit-based diversified energy company involved in the development and management of energy-related businesses and services nationwide. Its operating units include an electric company serving 2.3 million customers in Southeast Michigan and a natural gas company serving 1.3 million customers across Michigan. The DTE portfolio also includes energy businesses focused on custom energy solutions, renewable energy generation, and energy marketing and trading. DTE has continued to accelerate its carbon reduction goals to meet aggressive targets and is committed to serving with its energy through volunteerism, education and employment initiatives, philanthropy, emission reductions and economic progress. Information about DTE is available at [dteenergy.com](#), [empoweringmichigan.com](#), [x.com/DTE_Energy](#) and [facebook.com/dteenergy](#).